

### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) A reinforcing strip, for supporting a reinforced earth wall, comprising a plurality of fabric bundles arranged in parallel and coated with resin,

wherein a folding groove is formed in a central portion of the reinforcing strip in the lengthwise direction so that the central portion of the reinforcing strip has a smaller thickness than other portions of the reinforcing strip.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) The reinforcing strip as set forth in claim 6, wherein the folding groove is formed in upper and lower surfaces of the reinforcing strip.

Claim 8: Canceled.